

TEN GRADUATES FROM THE VILLA

Young Women Given Honors of Local School at Morning Exercises.

ADDRESS BY REV. O'NEILL

Special Medals Awarded to Misses McEniry, Dencke, Wagner, Gordon and Kail.

Ten young women were awarded the honors of the Villa de Chantal at exercises held this morning at the school auditorium, with the completion of their course of study. Owing to the limited capacity of the room only the parents and relatives of the graduates and the patrons of the school were admitted, comfortably filling the room.

The address to the graduates was delivered by Father Clement P. O'Neill of Sacred Heart parish, who confessed that he had been in pretty much of a predicament ever since he was notified that he was to speak and had had no peace of mind because at a loss to know what to say to a company of young women graduates. While pondering upon the theme for his remarks he came upon a book in which he had jotted down a number of quotations from an address delivered by Bishop Spaulding from this same platform very shortly before he was retired and he there gained inspiration. He spoke of the fact that every girl has high ideals at the time of her graduation and great good comes from these, even though they may not be realized. She has always had before her a certain ideal which is not power, position, self-elevation or that which the world can give but rather her place in life is to know, love and serve God. She endeavors to stand before the world a fulfillment of the hopes and prayers of the sisters at the institution who have labored so zealously for their welfare.

Not One Has Failed.

He said it was to the credit of the school that not one girl of the many that have been graduated has failed in her life's work, though perhaps not realizing the high ideals that she had set for herself on graduation day. Under the careful training of the sisters the young women have been equipped to do their duty in the home, society and church. Father O'Neill urged them to be loyal and faithful to their alma mater, to use their influence as convent graduates and to leave their mark of good works upon all with whom they come in contact.

The salutatory was given by Miss Mildred Wenks of Andalusia, who had prepared a splendid paper and which she delivered in excellent style.

The valedictorian was Miss Marceline Armstrong of Jacksonville, Ill. She had prepared an excellent paper, taking as the theme for her essay, Browning's "Paracelsus," from which she drew a most pleasing address given in faultless style. A chorus composed of the senior and junior girls sang two selections "Blow, Wind, Blow," and "When Life is Brightest," accompanied by the Alumnae Mandolin orchestra composed of 10 Villa graduates.

Special honors were awarded to Miss Elizabeth McEniry of this city, who was given a handsome gold medal by the Sisters of the Visitation for uniform loyalty and faithfulness during her 13 years in the school. Miss McEniry entered the school in the kindergarten department and has been under the sisters' direction to the day of her graduation. Gold medals were also given Miss McEniry and Miss Louise Dencke for excellence in music. A gold medal for exemplary conduct during her 11 years' school life at the Villa was awarded to Miss Leona Wagner. The gold medal presented by the Knights of Columbus, Alton council, for Christian doctrine in the senior class was awarded to Miss Clara Gordon of Gifford, Ill.

Honors Are Conferred.

Father O'Neill read the names of those awarded the special honors and they were conferred by Dean J. J. Quinn of St. Joseph's parish.

A gold medal, presented by Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Lachner for catechism in the academic classes, was drawn by Miss Una Kail and merited by Misses Ursula Looney, Mary Russell, Helen LaVelle, Katherine McNelly, Marion Harney, Una Kail, Irene Sage, Clara Freese, Abigail Mulligan, Jeanne Murphy, Ruth Rink, Evelyn Pier, Alice Carroll.

The Villa was beautifully decorated in spring garden flowers and made a lovely setting for the group of sweet faces on the platform. The seniors and juniors entered the room carrying bouquets of sweet peas and took their places on the platform and taking part in the exercises that followed.

Visiting priests included Rev. J. J. Quinn, Rev. C. P. O'Neill, Rev. P. O'Connell of St. Anthony's hospital, Rev. William Graham of St. Joseph's parish, Rev. Father Coleman of East Moline and Rev. Father VanStappen of East Moline and Rev. Father Tervlin of Sacramento.

The graduates are: Misses Dorothy Hoark of Bushnell, Clara Gordon of Gifford, Lenore Wagner, Leona Bickel, Mary Littig and Elizabeth McNelly of Rock Island, Mildred Wenks of Andalusia, Louise Dencke of Cedar Rapids, Marceline Armstrong of Jacksonville and Ruth Silvers of Ottumwa.

This evening the class play Tennyson's "The Princess" will be given on the lawn, an ideal setting for the beautiful play. Lights have been installed and the grounds will be brilliantly illuminated for the occasion.

Value of mineral paints produced in the United States in 1913 was \$24,666,473.

SHE CREATES A SENSATION IN PARIS



Mrs. Marjory Schaefftel.

Here's Mrs. Marjory Schaefftel of New York, wearing that beautiful Parisian gown which was so much admired at the American ball in the Hotel Majestic, Paris, May 23. Mrs. Schaefftel was stopping at the Hotel Ritz until a few weeks ago, when she took up a private residence, for which she is paying at the rate of \$20,000 a year. She will return to New York late this month.

PRETTY FEATURES MARK COMMENCEMENT AT VILLA

BY MARY AQUIN.

The grounds of the beautiful and romantic Villa de Chantal have been embowered all day with happy throngs of visitors and friends gathered for the closing of the commencement festivities. The villa is admirably suited for an elaboration in graduation ceremonies, something unique and fitting always being offered in this splendid home school for girls.

Tonight at 7 o'clock the crowning feature of the day's program will be given on the campus. Tennyson's exquisite lyric poem, "The Princess," a Medley, will be presented by a capable cast, with group dances interspersing the scenes.

Tennyson, "prince of poet landscapists," gave to the world in 1847 a lyric poem, romantic and fantastic, filled with pretty little songs that linger in the mind "as half-remembered things," and concealing a sermon of thought that needs must be wound and interwound with much delicacy that it shock the traditions of the doughty Briton. For in "The Princess," Tennyson depicted the women Britain long had nurtured and transformed the matriarchy into a speaking living thing that yet shall rouse slowly-decaying England to a sense of its shortcomings. Nowhere in the literature of the moment may anything be found that describes more frankly and sensibly the woman question. In the prologue of the poem—

Asked Walter, patting Lilia's head, "Does there such women now?"

Quick answered Lilia: "There are thousands now."

Such women, but convention beats them down.

It is but bringing up; no more than that;

You men have done it; how I hate you all!

Ah, were I something great! I wish I were

Some mighty poetess, I would shame you then,

That love to keep us children! O I wish

That I were some great princess, I would build

Far off from men a college, like a man's

And I would teach them all that men are taught;

We are twice as quick!

And from this challenge is flung:

"Take Lilia, then for heroine, and make here some great princess, six feet high, grand, epic, homelid; and be you the prince to win her."

"Then follow me, the prince, each be hero in his turn." The story begins anew and the princess and the prince and their retinues merge into the forest glades set to music of the birds and spell of elfins in the leaves concealed and again the tiny warrior Cupid draws his bow and Love is trophy.

With the note of seriousness that enters every verse of Tennyson we hear the summing up:

"Have patience, ourselves are full of social wrong; and maybe wildest dreams

Are but the needful preludes of the truth;

For me, the genial day, the happy crowd

The sport half-science, fill one with a faith

This fine old world of ours is but a child

Yet in the go-cart. Patience! Give it time

To learn its limbs; there is a Hand that guides."

The Princess is primarily an outdoor poem. Ben Greet has convinced us how effectively such presentations can be made and it is safe to say that he has rarely found a setting so magnificent for scenic purposes as the villa

with its 15 acres, the natural beauty of which has not been tampered with.

Rock Island knows of the talent that has been cultivated in the graduates of the villa and a cast has been selected for "The Princess" which, under the capable direction of Anne Hocking Smith, promises an evening of pleasure for those attending. Special features have been introduced.

Miss Dorothy Simpson has been training an ensemble chorus in dancing and has labored indefatigably to bring her galaxy of dancers to perfection. In the "Spring Dance," Miss Simpson has chosen a graceful medium for the poetry of motion. The Garland of Roses, in Cupid's Garden and a Twilight Dance and a Butterfly Dance are other numbers of the program.

In the 14 years that the Sisters of the Visitation have been in Rock Island they have established a reputation that places the Villa de Chantal in the front ranks of educational institutions. A great deal more than an education is gained by the pupils attending the villa. Much of the substance of rule and rote is often cast aside in later years but the cultural influences for character building remains to embellish and adorn the personality of the pupil. No other interests than those of their charges are uppermost in the minds of the sisters who devote all of their time to their garden of girls. It would, indeed, be an ugly duckling that could not be transformed into a lovely swan in such an atmosphere of gentleness and purity.

The Sisters of the Visitation belong to an order that originated in France over 300 years ago. Its founder was Madame de Chantal, under the direction of Francis de Sales, bishop and prince of Geneva. Both were of the nobility and infused into the order that spirit of refinement, simplicity and self sacrifice which still characterizes the Sisters of the Visitation and renders them peculiarly adapted for the training of young girls.

The graduates of the Villa this year are Marceline Armstrong, Leona Bickel, Louise Dencke, Clara Gordon, Mary Littig, Elizabeth McNelly, Dorothy Roark, Ruth Silvers, Lenore Wagner, Mildred Wenks. The Misses Wagner, McNelly, Bickel and Littig are Rock Island young women.

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SMALLPOX BILLS ARE THE BUGABOO OF COUNTY BOARD

Question of Who Should Foot the Bills Threshed Out at Meeting of Supervisors.

"WHO IS A POOR PERSON?"

State's Attorney Thompson Says Members Must Determine That Matter for Themselves.

Smallpox bills seem to be the bugaboo of both the city commission and the county board of supervisors. At the session of the county board yesterday afternoon the old troublesome question as to who should "foot the bills" came up on the reading of a notice from the board of health of South Rock Island township, which stated that E. Edwards had the disease and notifying the county to pay for the care of the patient.

The communication was signed by George H. Richmond, supervisor, August Schmid, assessor, and E. S. Kinney, town clerk. Supervisor Zack Einfeldt, South Moline, has had a big bunch of smallpox bills before the board for several sessions. Thus far they have not been paid, there being a question as to the county's liability.

"If the board is to pay this South Rock Island bill," announced Supervisor Leslie Hanna, Zuma. "I want to give you fair warning that I have some half dozen cases in my township that need attention."

Who Are Poor Persons?

State's Attorney F. E. Thompson was once more called upon for a legal opinion relative to the county's liability. He repeated what he had previously told the board in a written communication, that the municipality, district or township enforcing quarantine must pay quarantine expenses, but the medical attention, nursing and board must be met by the county, where the patients are poor persons or paupers.

"Who decides whether they are poor persons are not?" inquired Supervisor Hinricks.

"The supervisor," announced the county prosecutor.

He then went on to explain the term "poor person" would apply to those who would be denied the necessities of life, through the enforcement of quarantine.

"The board has but two questions to consider in this matter," he continued. "Whether the patients are poor persons and if the bills are reasonable."

"Does the same provision apply in scarlet fever cases?" queried Supervisor Burgoyne.

"It applies to all contagious diseases requiring quarantine," was the reply.

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Court House Repairs.

That the court house property is sadly in need of repairs was brought up by Supervisor J. E. Larkin. He said the cement walks were in bad shape, the wood work, especially on the fourth floor, required varnishing, the crevices on the wall should be painted and other improvements made.

That the court house grounds should be better illuminated was the suggestion of Supervisor Peterson, Moline. He said that street lighting in the vicinity of the county building had been improved and he suggested that four arc lights ought to be put on top of the court house. The matter was referred to the public expenditures committee to investigate.

LACK BUT 53 OF THE 1,000 MARK

Y. M. C. A. Membership Contest Workers Getting Best of Results.

Fifty-three more members are needed by the Y. M. C. A. to put its total enrollment up to the coveted 1,000 mark. Today's report shows just 947 boys and men whose names are on the membership list.

The big campaign which was put on last week has resulted in bringing in up to the present time 136 new members, of whom 53 are boys and 85 men. The campaign was supposed to end last Saturday, but so many of the workers had prospects that were not yet signed up that they were given an extension of three days to get their men in. Yesterday a number were brought in, and by the time the limit is up Saturday night there is still a chance of getting the total up to the thousand.

Much fine work has been done by the campaigners, and much enthusiasm is expressed by the men and boys who have been brought in. The building is a revelation to many of the new ones, in its convenience and beauty and in the attractiveness of its privileges. The big swimming pool is the scene of constant hilarity all through the day and evening, while the tennis courts are constantly growing in popularity.

The boys' department of the association is making remarkable progress and has had its own important part in the increase in membership. Boys' Secretary Craig has been working manfully to bring his department up to a high mark, both in membership and efficiency. His ambition is to make it the largest boys' department in the state, and he is near the realization of his hopes.

At the present time, from the figures which are available, the Rock Island Boys' department stands third in the whole state in number of members. Evanston reports 428 boys, Peoria 418 and Rock Island 405, while Chicago Central comes fourth with 393. Mr. Craig has set his stakes for 450 members within the next few weeks, and he intends to have the honor of heading the largest department in the state very shortly.

The present membership of practically 950 puts the Rock Island association in the front rank among the associations of the state. Only a few others, outside of the Chicago associations, surpass it in total number of members. The workers predict confidently that they will push the membership still higher when the work opens fully in the fall, and they claim that the goal of twelve or fifteen hundred members is not at all impossible of attainment.

The Y. M. C. A. swimming pool will be out of use tomorrow until the latter part of the afternoon. This is on account of the time required to empty, scrub and thoroughly cleanse the pool, and to fill and heat it once more. It is expected that it will be ready for use by 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the latest.

Yesterday was one of the busiest days at the Y. M. C. A. that the season has brought. For instance, in the afternoon, from 4 until 6 o'clock, 51 men used the swimming pool, and in the evening 64 more were in for swims. Mr. Clavett is doing his best to teach all comers to swim.

BOY SCOUTS WILL HOLD LAST MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Eagle patrol of the Boy Scouts will be held tomorrow evening at the home of Marvin McNeill, 637 Seventeenth street. This will be the last regular meeting of the Eagle patrol, as no sessions are held during the summer months. Plans for the 10-day camp to be held by the Scouts in August will be discussed.

Notice for Bids.

Bids will be received for the wrecking and removing of a brick building which cost \$25,000. Will be sold to the highest bidder.

House will be open from Wednesday to Saturday afternoons from 3 to 6 o'clock for those desiring to inspect it.

Located on the corner of Twenty-second street and Seventh avenue, Rock Island; what is known as the C. J. Dart homestead.

A certified check for \$100 must accompany all bids.

Address all bids to L. Kohn, 824 Twenty-third street. Bids must be in by Monday noon, June 15, 1914.

Right reserved to reject all bids.

(Adv.)

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SANITARY CONDITION BAD

Openings Unscreened and Mosquitoes and Flies Make Life of Unfortunates Miserable.

Conditions at the city's detention hospital in the west end have been the subject of much complaint since the number of smallpox patients kept there has increased. For several weeks the number under quarantine has ranged from a dozen to more than a score. At present there are 15 patients, six men, six women and four children. With such a number to care for, the building which has been finished to accommodate not more than half a dozen, is sadly over-crowded and conditions are deplorable.

An Argus representative made an investigation today and found that there is ground for many of the complaints which have been made. A slight additional expenditure for help and a few hundred dollars spent on the building would greatly improve the sanitary surroundings and promote the comfort of the inmates.

But Partly Finished.

The building, as is generally known, was built for an abattoir, or city slaughter house, and when abandoned for this purpose was designated as a detention hospital, or pest house, half a dozen rooms being partitioned off in the northeast end to serve as quarters. In the years it has been used for this purpose there have been comparatively few cases confined there and hence there has been no pressing need of making improvements. So there is some excuse for the lack of preparation to cope with the disease as it now prevails. Ordinarily it has served its purpose fairly well.

Now, with from a dozen to 20 patients, the lack of facilities are sorely felt by those confined there, especially since the weather became warm. The worst feature is the lack of sewer facilities. There is but one toilet and that is in the open part of the building and not even boarded in. Men and women, white and colored, are all compelled to use it. With no adequate provisions for cleaning the place the sanitary condition, as may be imagined, is an even worse feature than the lack of privacy. The toilet is located in the southwest corner where the breeze, when there is any blowing, carries the odor through the building.

There is little chance for privacy anywhere. The women are given the rooms which have been partitioned off and the men sleep in the open hall on cots which are placed there each evening.

Mosquitoes by Million.

Being on the river bank and but a few hundred feet from stagnant water there are mosquitoes by the millions, not to mention flies. Windows and doors are not screened except with half inch mesh wire, and the insects come and go at will. Under such circumstances it may well be imagined that there is little chance to sleep, while the stings of the mosquitoes aggravate